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ACCESSIBILITY . . .

That word doesn't mean very much to those WITHOUT physical disabilities.

But, it surely does to those who want to enjoy the National Forests and Wildernesses but are hampered by physical disabilities. To them, accessibility means a lot.

Accessibility, according to one of Webster's definitions, is "being able to use, enter or reach."

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This past spring, the Region 4 Civil Rights Action Team (CRAT) met on the Salmon National Forest to examine the issue of accessibility. A panel presented some new perspectives and ideas about where this issue might be headed:

❑ Ken Wotring, Coordinator of the Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness talked about ***Wilderness access and the laws that affect it.*** Many people believe the 1964 Wilderness Act is discriminatory because it prohibits certain motorized and mechanized uses. While the Act makes special provisions for aircraft and motorboats, it is "silent" about exceptions for wheelchairs. The 1973 Rehabilitation Act clearly requires "access" as part of the Wilderness program and adds "handicap" to the list of nondiscrimination categories. However, it does not address the "standard level" of access in a natural setting. The 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) reaffirms that nothing in the Wilderness Act prohibits the use of wheelchairs in Wilderness.

In the front of the boat is Kyle Packer from the Cooperative Wilderness Handicap Outdoor Group (CWHOG) with CRAT members and employees of the Salmon Forest, all learning the joy and hardships people with disabilities have when floating the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The experience gained and the observations made during the float trip should give CRAT members needed insight for recommendations that will make wilderness experiences more accessible to those with physical disabilities.

Wheelchairs are to be compared to hiking boots, as a means of locomotion. However, ADA also reaffirms that no agency is required to modify the condition of the land within a Wilderness to facilitate such use. Agencies are challenged to make Wilderness accessible without compromising its undeveloped and primeval character.

❑ Larry Blood, a local citizen confined to a wheelchair, told of shooting the biggest bucks in his hunting history on the Salmon District's ***handicapped hunting area***. He did suggest that the Salmon Forest consider other accessible areas as the current one will be hunted out eventually.

❑ Stan Potts has been a land-based outfitter for the past 36 years. He shared his experiences with a totally immobile, wheelchair-bound gentleman who contacted him about participating in game animal hunts. Even though Stan responded that he didn't think he had what the man was looking for, the gentleman could not be dissuaded. Through ***hunting equipment modifications*** (such as a saddle made like a miniature wheelchair), understanding, determination, and compassion, Stan and his outfitters have supported this man in his game animal hunts for 17 years.

❑ Jerry Myers voiced some specific challenges he has as a rafting outfitter by asking the group,

"How do we continue to operate as safe, legitimate outfitters, bring more diverse people into our service, and keep a high standard of care?"

He agrees the Wilderness experience should not be limited to those who are physically able and accepts people with disabilities as clients but, increasingly, insurance carriers and lawyers are asking outfitters to ***reduce Wilderness risks for people with disabilities***.

❑ JoAnn Wolter, owner of Salmon Air Taxi and a Pilot/Instructor for 21 years, discussed the various types of groups that Salmon Air Taxi takes into the Wilderness. Groups include an over-60 group, children, and Alternate Mobility Adventure Seekers, to name a few. She noted that ***aircraft are quite capable of handling wheelchairs*** and that Salmon Air Taxi is getting more business from people with disabilities.

❑ Steven DeRoche and Kyle Packer from Cooperative Wilderness Handicap Outdoor Group (CWHOG), or "The Hogs," told fascinating stories about their experiences and the organization. Steven lost both feet as a child and uses artificial ones; Kyle has cerebral palsy. CWHOG was started in 1981-1982 by a British mountaineer. People in the CWHOG group have a "four-wheel-drive" attitude—they are going into the Wilderness and, if they can't get into it, they will go over it. Kyle related his experiences on an 18-day river trip down the Colorado where he was thrown from the raft by a wall of water in one of the biggest, ugliest rapids he'd ever seen. CRAT members lived the experience as Kyle vividly described the harrowing adventure, noting that being under the boat was not a good place to be in rapids. And this was only day 7—he had another 11 to go!

❑ Mary Brunig told about a non-profit organization in Minnesota called Wilderness Inquiry that provides ***experiential outdoor experiences*** for both people with disabilities and the able-bodied. In the video she showed, one physically disabled adventurer describes her experience as a "journey of the heart" that helped her realize the things she could still do.

What an enlightening panel this was!

And just to prove a point, panel members Steve DeRoche, Kyle Packer and Mary Brunig joined CRAT members on a float trip down the Salmon. One CRAT member with a physical disability gained courage and new insight into her feelings about having a disability.

The Team welcomed new members Garth Heaton, Ashley; Rebecca Talbot, Bridger-Teton; Kim Soper, Dixie; Linda Sorensen, Humboldt; Sandra Silva, Toiyabe; Larry Gillham, Wasatch-Cache; and District Ranger Rep. Tom Contreras from the Pine Valley District on the Dixie. The Team said a sorrowful goodbye to Julie King, Caribou; Liz Schuppert, Wasatch-Cache; District Ranger Rep. Brad Exton from the Teton Basin District on the Targhee; Tom Suwyn, Dixie; Wally Larsen, Ashley; Nick Zufelt, Toiyabe; and Rob Hamilton, Fishlake.

Some issues that the Team is currently working on are: the CRAT newsletter; establishing a Region 4 Multicultural Award Evaluation Committee; clarifying the intent and expectations of advocacy groups—Special Emphasis Program Managers and the Civil Rights Action Team; and developing a facilities accessibility package.

Many, many thanks to the Salmon National Forest for hosting an outstanding meeting. Employees extended a warm welcome; their hospitality was endless; and they somehow even managed to stop traffic every time a CRAT member crossed the street!

Brenda Breslin-Hancock
National Interagency Fire Center ❧

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The Forest Service sponsored an evening program on the Goodale Cutoff at the June 30 stop at Bancroft.

Oregon Trail travelers 150 years ago were enthralled by the hundreds of springs bubbling up in Caribou County. The spring most often mentioned in journals was Steamboat Spring. There, a geyser shot about 3 to 4 feet into the air. It "was accompanied by a subterranean noise and the water had a pungent, disagreeable metallic taste," wrote John C. Fremont in his journal. This and other springs on the west edge of Soda Springs were flooded when Alexander Reservoir was built.

Soda Springs was generally a welcome resting point for many travelers, although in 1861, Indians killed a family there. A father, mother and their five children were buried in their wagon box because the group who discovered them had no lumber for a coffin. A headstone telling of the incident can be found in the Fairview Cemetery.

Yet, in the early years, Shoshones were friendly and good to the emigrants, said Ellen Carney, a local historian and author. She believes they became more desperate in later years because their food, buffalo and plants, disappeared as more emigrants traveled westward.

All the wagons in the commemorative train are drawn by horses or mules, not oxen—they are too slow. Big, beautiful draft horses pull the Forest Service wagon. Each official wagon in the train had to be constructed to certain specifications.

Each night, as the wagon train beds down, a big green bus bearing a large sign that says . . . USDA Forest Service celebrates the Oregon Trail . . . picks up the Forest Service travelers and takes them back to their cars at the day's starting point.

In all, 27 stops will be made in Idaho and at every stop there are festivities, socials, demonstrations and food.

(Some information was taken from Dianna Troyer's article in the April 13 issue of the Idaho State Journal.)

Regional Forester's Message

The lakes are full, riparian areas are green, and the drought has diminished—what a welcome change! It's a real relief to have emerged from the severe fire situation we have experienced for the past 6 or 7 years. You folks did a tremendous job protecting public and private resources during this trying period.

Despite the apparent lush, green appearance of our National Forests, all is not well. Dead and dying trees are commonplace, a situation created by the extended drought, stagnation, and insect and disease infestations. Fuel accumulations are building at a rapid rate in many forest stands. The absence of fire in fire-prone ecosystems is largely responsible for these conditions and the situation will get even worse as timber harvests decline.

A solution is both elusive and challenging. Because of the current fuel buildup and potential risks to private property and forested lands, we simply cannot allow fire to burn at will, or without some form of pretreatment where the situation requires it. Even well managed prescribed fires can have negative social, economic and health consequences due to smoke and other hazards.

It's anticipated that the 1993 fire season will be "calmer" than that of recent years, which will give us an opportunity to spend more time and resources on identifying the desired role of fire in forest health and ecosystem management. Our Forest Plans, implementation documents and project activities need to reflect this changing emphasis for more ecologically sound land management. Our publics need to understand this as well.

The benefits of healthy forest ecosystems are many and well worth the effort. We have the personnel and skills to move forward with this challenge in the Intermountain Region. Let's do it!

At the same time, we must maintain our strong fire suppression capability. We must be prepared to effectively fight wildfires within our Region and elsewhere and to find ways to do that with a "lighter" impact on the land.

Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center

There is a new interagency fire coordination center in Salt Lake City, in fact its opening celebration was on June 18. How did the consolidation of fire coordination activities come about?

The history of wildland fire coordination in the United States has been a progressive one. It began with each wildland fire agency handling its own "piece of the pie" but, as budgets grew tighter and the complexities of fires increased, it became difficult for each to stand alone. Individual fire suppression organizations joined forces to increase efficiency and decrease costs. Dispatch centers also combined duties and responsibilities.

The first study for improving interagency dispatching was the National Interagency Coordination Center Study in 1986 which recommended consolidation of the dispatch centers in the Great Basin. The Bureau of Land Management Fire Management Efficiencies Steering Committee Report (draft) recommended additional measures for fine tuning the coordination centers.

In 1990, fire agencies met and organized the Great Basin Coordination Group. All parties involved agreed that two area coordination centers (ACC) would be needed to support wildfire suppression activities for all federal and state wildland fire protection agencies in the Great Basin—the existing Western Great Basin Coordination Center (WGBCC) in Reno, Nevada, and a new Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center (EGBCC) in Salt Lake City, Utah. EGBCC will service southern Idaho, Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Center replaced agency-specific coordination centers previously located in Salt Lake City, Ogden and Boise.

Now, 3 years after the decision was made, EGBCC is functional. It will provide resource coordination for 19 dispatch centers within the Great Basin and coordinate with WGBCC and the National Interagency Fire Coordination Center in Boise, Idaho. This "one-stop-shopping" concept will greatly increase resource management efficiency and overall emergency response effectiveness within the eastern Great Basin.

EGBCC was modeled after the successful Northwest Coordination Center in Portland, Oregon. Funding was based on the historical workload, land ownership percentages and future requirements. The Center's 10 regular positions are staffed by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the State of Utah. The capability is there for a 24-hour operation. The Center is administratively supported by the Utah State Office.

CONTRIBUTION BENEFITS RIPARIAN AREAS. . . .

The Northeast Nevada Trout Unlimited donated $3,200 to the Mountain City Ranger District, Humboldt National Forest, for fisheries habitat improvement projects within the Bruneau River watershed. The money will help fund water developments to draw livestock and big game out of sensitive riparian areas, fence removal projects to improve fishermen access and riparian vegetation plantings.

CARING FOR A TRAIL. . . .

The Boise National Forest sponsored an Adopt-A-Trail Training Day on June 5 to keep the program strong on the Forest and to celebrate National Trails Day and the 25th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. Users of the Boise Forest were invited for instruction on trail maintenance, minimizing resource damage and adopting a trail. According to the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors, about 155 million people in the United States walk for pleasure, 41 million hike on trails and 10 million ride horses on trails.

AN INVITATION TO HISTORY AND HERITAGE. . . .

Come to the Governor's Conference on History and Heritage and learn how exciting Utah's history can be. The Conference that will be held in the Salt Lake City Red Lion Hotel will offer sessions, workshops, a keynote address, exhibits, activities and opportunities on the how-to of doing history and heritage-related programs and projects. The conference will begin with a reception on Thursday evening, October 28, and continue through Saturday, October 30. Costs will be minimal and credit for teachers will be available. For more information about the conference and early registration discounts, please call 533-3500.

The Need to Know More About Anadromous Fish

A crew of four researchers moves carefully along the banks of a riparian stream in the Salmon River Drainage. At certain predetermined points, they stop and measure stream width, depth and bank stability.

The process can be seen clearly through the focused lens of a video camera which is recording many scenes of trampled banks that are caving in and streambanks that lack vegetation.

On a different stream of the Drainage, another crew goes through the same process, only this time, the camera is recording pictures of a waterway that has profuse vegetation along what appear to be very stable banks.

These research crews from the Forestry Sciences Lab in Boise, Idaho, are using videography, a relatively new process for collecting information, to study anadromous fish and their habitats.

The purpose of the study is to compare managed, mostly grazed, riparian streams with natural, unimpacted wilderness streams. Through this process, researchers compile a stream channel profile, which scientifically describes the stream using factors such as bank stability and width-to-depth ratio.

Researchers hope videography will be an effective tool in presenting complicated information to policymakers in an understandable form, said Kerry Overton, Technology Transfer Specialist and Fisheries Biologist at the Boise Lab. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

If managers can see what a scientist is trying to explain, it will be easier to set policy that is scientifically sound, he said.

Videography of riparian streams is just one of many projects being conducted by fisheries researchers at the Boise Lab. All are aimed at providing information and techniques for protecting, maintaining and restoring fish populations and critical habitats in the Intermountain West.

The overall project, called Enhancing Fish Habitats, was suggested by a Regional Steering Team who had noted an increased interest in anadromous fish populations, said Keith Evans, Assistant Station Director for the Intermountain Research Station. The project was split from the riparian unit where anadromous fish study had taken place in the past.

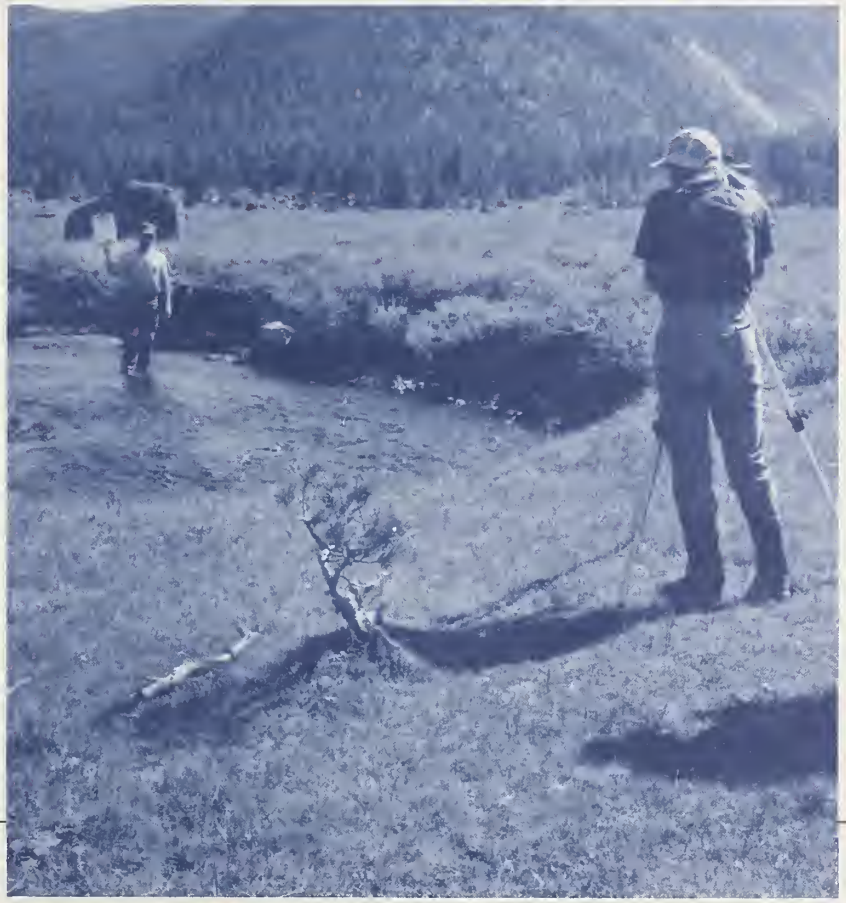
At the time the project was established in October 1991, there was almost no scientific data available on certain fish species and their habitats. One reason for that is that an anadromous fish travels through different habitat ecosystems during its lifespan and this migration makes compiling data time consuming and difficult. Recent technological advances, including satellite tracking, have made fish increasingly accessible for study.

Researchers are using other methods of discovering more about anadromous fish. For example, snorklers count fish and/or tag them with radio transmitters that emit a tracking signal. Freeze-core sampling of spawning habitats also is being done to determine ecological makeup.

On May 22, 1992, when the chinook and sockeye salmon were listed under the Endangered Species Act, it confirmed the need for more scientific information about these species.

Becky Jensen
(Formerly a Temporary Employee in the Regional Public Affairs Office)

Videography is a new process for collecting information about salmon habitat. (Photo was taken by Jane Schmidt, Carson Ranger District, Toiyabe National Forest.)



On the National Scene

NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY— James Lyons has been sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment. He will direct the policies and supervise the activities of the Forest Service and the Soil Conservation Service. Since 1991, Lyons has served as a Staff Assistant with the House Committee of Agriculture where he was responsible for the policy and legislative activities affecting forestry and natural resources, conservation, environmental issues, pesticides and food safety. From 1989 to 1991, Lyons was the Agricultural Advisor to U.S. Representative Leon Panetta (California). Lyons also served as Staff Director for the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms and Energy and as Director of Resource Policy for the Society of American Foresters. He received a B.S. wit High Honors from Cook College, Rutgers University, in 1977, and a M.S. in forestry from Yale University in 1979.

DIFFERENT MANAGEMENT SCENARIO—Rocky Mountain Regional Forester Elizabeth Estill said she is taking every opportunity to formally examine different management scenarios. When Gary Heath recently retired as Forest Supervisor of the Medicine Bow National Forest, Estill appointed Jerry Schmidt, already serving as Forest Supervisor of the Routt National Forest, to also serve temporarily as Forest Supervisor of the Medicine Bow. This is not a consolidation of the two Forests but a 6-month trial with Schmidt travelling between both Forests and maintaining an office at each site. At the end of the 6 months, the effort will be evaluated to assess its possibilities for reducing redundancies and streamlineing operations for more efficiency and consistency in serving the people, caring for the land and implementing ecosystem management.

The Rocky Mountain Regional Office is moving across the street from its present headquarters. The Public Affairs Staff is combining with the Recreation Staff and will be called the "Recreation and Public Service Team."

TOMORROW'S LEADERS—State and Private Forestry and Public Affairs in the Washington Office are working with a steering committee of youth involved in planning and presenting America's first National Youth Environmental Summit. Conceived, planned and presented by the youth, with support from adult partners, the Summit will be the first tree-focused gathering of the Nation's young environmentalists. It will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 16 to 18. The youth steering committee are ages 11 to 18. Delta Airlines is providing some free airfare for the kids attending. When booking a flight, mention the summit and code E.1089.

WILDLIFE RECREATION STILL POPULAR—The eighth national survey of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows the following for 1991:

- 1/2 of all adults participated in fishing, hunting or birdwatching.
- more than 98 million people (over age 16) in the Nation engaged in some recreational activity involving fish and wildlife resources, putting $59.5 billion into the national economy.
- 35 million anglers (over age 16) fished 14.5 days and spent $700 on trip-related costs and equipment. The total expenditure was $24.5 billion.
- over 14 million (over age 16) hunted. Participants in special method hunts: archery - 2.7 million; muzzleloader - 1.4 million; handgun - 1.1. million. Hunters spent an average of 17 days and $900. The total expenditure was $12.6 billion—43 percent on equipment, 13 percent on food, 10 percent on transportation, 20 percent on miscellaneous and 2 percent on lodging.

More than 76 million adults participated in nonconsumptive wildlife-related activities, including feeding, observing and photographing wildlife. Wildlife recreation provides a major boost to local and rural economies.

KICKOFF OF SMOKEY BEAR'S 50TH CELEBRATION—The Southwestern Region has the privilege of hosting the kickoff event to celebrate Smokey's 50th birthday. It will be at the Albuquerque International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta on October 2. In the past, this event has attracted visitors and participants from around the world and received much national and international media attention. You are invited to attend.

Post-War Development and the Forest Service

Historians looking at the sweep of Forest Service history from its genesis in 1876 to the present are beginning to trace patterns of events that mark unique periods in the agency. To capture the essence of different stages in the evolution of the Forest Service, the qualitative features of each stage are depicted by the label given that era; i.e., the Forest Service shift from its custodial phase (pre-World War II) to its development stage (1945-1959). A more sophisticated classification of Forest Service stages was developed by Jerry Williams in 1991. Current debate, within and outside the agency, regarding the future direction of resource management in the Forest Service is based on the dual model of land stewardship versus commodity production.

While the debate over use or preservation of natural resources is an old one, it didn't become a national issue in the United States until the origin of the conservation movement (1890 to 1920), the period of origin for the National Forests and the Forest Service. The second wave of action for natural resource protection took place during the Great Depression when President Franklin Roosevelt

put people to work in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The third resurgence of public environmental concern began in the 1960's and continues to spread across the Nation. The public's revived environmental concerns reacted to the "costs" of post-war development on the environment. Rachel Carson's book, "Silent Spring" (1962), raised awareness of the unintended consequences of human activities (in this case, unwise use of pesticides) on the natural world. Later, the hippies' anti-consumerism, back-to-nature philosophy added momentum to the growing shift in social values from "more is better" to "take care of Mother Earth." Memberships increased in traditional environmental organizations, such as the Sierra Club and Wilderness Society, and newer, more radical ones were formed, such as Earth First.

Because the Forest Service had shifted to large timber sales in the preceding decades, it became a target for these environmental organizations. "As late as the beginning of World War II (1941), less than 2 percent of the Nation's wood was derived from Forest Service timber sales" (Steen 1983:247). By deciding to allow large volume timber sales on National Forests, especially in the Pacific Northwest, the agency set in motion a series of related events: forestry schools started training thousands of new foresters as a supply source for the expanded workforce of the Forest Service; and an extensive network of roads was constructed to open the National Forests to development, many of them replacing old trails. "During the 1950's, annual timber harvests almost tripled, going from about 3 billion board feet in 1950 to almost 9 billion at the end of the decade" (Roth and Harmon 1989).

The move to large volume timber sales on National Forests did not happen in a vacuum. It is important to focus on the wider national context in which the agency operated. As veterans returned after the war, a baby boom took place (60 million births from 1946 to 1964). The GI Bill and its low-interest loans led to massive housing starts that fueled a period of economic growth and suburbanization of the Nation. Other Federal agencies answered this call for goods as well. The Bureau of Land Management was formed in 1946 from a merger of the General Land Office and the Grazing Service. The rapid depletion of old growth timber on private lands in the 1950's further reinforced the political economy of increased harvests on federal lands then and into the future.

Examined in retrospect, today's turmoil for the Forest Service emerged in the decades immediately after World War II when the forces of population pressure (the national census in 1940 was 132 million, growing to 203 million by 1970), commodity demand in an expanding economy, and increased recreational use of public lands all coincided and led to conflict among users of the National Forests. Tension increased between hunters and ranchers over deer and other game competing with cattle for forage on public grazing lands. The issue of mining claims on public lands was addressed in a multiple-use mining law in 1955; but the real fight began over Wilderness. Former allies of the Forest Service became fearful of the agency backsliding by declassifying already designated areas (Wolf 1990).

The post-war period saw not only an increase in commodity production (grazing, mining, and logging), but an increased affluence which fostered greatly increased recreational use of the National Forest System. Concerned that the Forest Service was tilting away from balanced uses and toward serving timber industry needs first, hikers and others began to lobby for safeguards for existing "Wilderness Areas." Senator Hubert Humphrey introduced a "study bill" in 1956 regarding a Wilderness Society proposal for Wilderness allocations on the National Forests. The Forest Service countered with the 1960 Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act to prevent any single-use lockup of the resource base.

Mobilized Wilderness advocates reacted to this strategy by seeking passage of, what became in 1964, a Wilderness Act. The natural resource base was shrinking through the conflicting demands of an increasing number of users, and the agency was less able to appease warring factions by granting them all exclusive pieces of the pie. Wilderness was not compatible with timber harvesting and increasingly the remaining old-growth timber was found in roadless areas and environmentally sensitive zones such as the higher elevation watersheds.

A new stage of Forest Service history began quietly at the end of the 1960's when President Richard Nixon signed the National Environmental Policy Act on the first day of January 1970. An agency shift away from development and back toward stewardship was beginning. The final installment of this story will be told in the next mini-history.

(This mini-history was written by the History Unit of the Washington Office.)

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Ice was Nice . . . for the Fish

For the third year in a row, kids had a fun time at the Ice Fishing Derby at Williams Lake. The fishing was great—but the catching was slow for the 59 contestants who participated on February 27. Forty-four of the young anglers also accepted the challenge of the Casting Contest which requires keen eyes, nerves of steel and a deft wrist action.

Kids from 1 to 16 years old won fishing rods, reels, tackle boxes, flashlights, outdoor equipment and toys. Each year, prizes get bigger and better through generous contributions from Salmon businesses; the River of No Return—Salmon Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Payless Drugs in Rexburg, Wal-Mart in Idaho Falls, and local individuals who are eager to promote this annual event for kids in the Salmon area.

Jordan McComas (age 9) is the BIG FISH winner at the Williams Lake Kids' Ice Fishing Derby, Salmon National Forest, February 1993.

The "Big Fish" winner was Jordan McComas, age 9, with a 1.7-pound, 16.7-inch rainbow trout. His prize was an 8½-foot Golden Eagle graphite spinning rod with a Shimano FX300 reel. His catch will be entered in the national big fish contest which offers as its first-place prize four round-trip tickets to anywhere in the United States on American Airlines.

Garrett Lanser, age 5, reeled in the "Smallest Fish," a 1.1-pound rainbow trout, which won him a Shimano FX300 spinning reel. Garrett also landed the only other fish caught during the Derby—a 1.4-pound rainbow trout. Most of the remaining prizes were awarded through a name drawing, so everyone had a chance to win.

Last December, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game planted 500 five- to eight-pound rainbow trout in Williams Lake. These fish were retired brood stock from the national fish hatchery in Ennis, Montana. The 10 wearing jaw tags were targets for a lottery the day of the Derby. Presold tickets were a hot item and excitement was high; but it was all for naught. None of the tagged fish were caught the day of the Derby, so lottery proceeds were donated to the River of No Return—Salmon Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Aaron Hoffman had better luck at last year's Derby. He landed a 5-pound, 8-ounce rainbow trout (one of the brood stock from the Ennis hatchery that had been tagged and planted that year). He went on to win the Idaho State Big Fish Contest and a $100 savings bond from Hooked on Fishing International.

The Kids' Ice Fishing Derby is sponsored by the Salmon Ranger District, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce, the River of No Return—Salmon Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Hooked on Fishing International.

Lois Hill
Fisheries Biologist
Salmon Ranger District
Salmon National Forest

Williams Lake is presently the object of a yearlong restoration study funded by the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Forest Service, with contributions from the Williams Lake Homeowners Association and the Idaho State Department of Fish and Game.

There is no above-ground outlet from Williams Lake. Nutrients or sediment entering the Lake from upstream sources or the surrounding watershed cannot be washed downstream. Excessive plant and algae growth occurs during the summer because of the high concentration of available nutrients. This condition is referred to as "accelerated eutrophication." The purpose of the current study is twofold—to determine if the level of plant and algae growth in the Lake is higher than would be expected under natural conditions and to identify all sources of nutrient input.

Management alternatives resulting from this study will enable the various agencies and private landowners concerned about water quality in Williams Lake to ensure that the Lake provides enjoyment for years to come to those who fish, no matter how old or how young they may be.

Volunteers Assist in Mill Hollow Reservoir Restoration

Over 320 volunteers joined Heber Ranger District employees in a restoration project at Mill Hollow Reservoir last year. Improvements includes a shoreline trail, shoreline access from Mill Hollow campground and a parking area on the west side of the Reservoir.

Work was completed by volunteers from the Granite Education Mill Hollow Center and Boy Scouts from Utah County, as well as friends and relatives of Heber Ranger District employees. Granite District elementary schools involved in this project were Farnsworth, Jackling, Monroe, and Canyon Rim. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Heber Valley Search and Rescue also volunteered their help.

Mill Hollow is a popular Uinta Forest destination for many campers, hikers, water recreationists, and fishing enthusiasts—it's so popular that the area around the Reservoir has been severely impacted by recreation use. A large portion of the shoreline has been eroded, causing silt to continuously slough off into the Reservoir. In addition, many shortcut trails have been established from the road and campground to the Reservoir.

The new shoreline trail and trails from the campground and road will stabilize access to the Reservoir from all points. Plans for further restoration include planting shoreline vegetation and installing erosion control material, revegetating existing shortcut trails, installing 300 feet of fencing, gravelling the trail, and installing trail signs.

District Ranger Robert L. Riddle expressed appreciation to the volunteers and Heber District employees for working to improve the watershed at Mill Hollow Reservoir and to Country Club Foods, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, and Coca Cola Bottling Company for their contributions.

Sawtooth has New Work Facility

The new building has a 3,200 square-foot dormitory that will house 20 seasonal employees and a site manager/caretaker. It is completely barrier free, with an elevator that provides access to the housing on the second floor, widened doorways and accessible restroom facilities.

The Ketchum Ranger District recently dedicated a new work center, celebrating the occasion with an old-fashioned log cutting ceremony; a potluck luncheon for Forest employees, retirees and spouses; and guided tours of the facility for members of the community.

Less than a year before, May 1, 1992, groundbreaking ceremonies were held with construction beginning the next week on 1.9 acres in the Industrial East Subdivision of Ketchum. Architect Robert Hart of Daryl McMillen Architect PA of Ketchum designed the project and all construction components were subcontracted to more than 25 local businesses in the Wood River Valley and southern Idaho.

According to Ketchum District Ranger Alan Pinkerton, the new 11,400 square-foot facility provides warehouse space for offices, storage, shop facilities, fire and recreation crews, and firefighting and road construction and maintenance equipment. It more than meets the structural modifications for accessibility required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. "We are pleased to have a facility that meets the needs of all our current and potential employees who may have different abilities," Pinkerton said.

"The new work center is the result of an exchange. Three parcels of public land (administrative sites) were transferred to private and city ownership in exchange for the new site and facility," Pinkerton explained.

The opening of the work center culminated more than 8 years of cooperative planning among the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, City of Ketchum, and the American Public Land Exchange, Inc. Pinkerton thanked the major contributors to the successful completion of the project: Ron Stoleson, former Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor; Sue Bybee, Realty Officer, Wilden Moffet, Architect, and Clair Beasley, Deputy Regional Forester, RO; Dee Strickling, Realty Officer, Sawtooth National Forest; Butch Harper, Recreation Technician, Ketchum Ranger District; and John Phipps, former Ketchum District Ranger.

Officials participating in the dedication ceremony were Allen Fetscher of the American Public Land Exchange, Inc.; Dan Hamilton, Mayor of Ketchum; Lewis Eilers, representing Senator Larry Craig; and Jack Bills, Forest Supervisor, Sawtooth National Forest.

Public Affairs Office
Sawtooth National Forest

A "Point" IN HISTORY

Points and stone tools were among the artifacts found on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District in September 1992. The site is thought to have been a seasonal hunting camp for Fremont Indians.

While cutting firewood on the Ashley National Forest in 1989, a perceptive couple from Liberty, Utah, noticed some "worked points" (pieces of stone sharpened by hand) just inside a shallow rock shelter on the west side of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Arden and Lora Broadbent reported their find to the Forest Service and further investigation revealed a cache of over 30 Archaic points, perhaps 8,000 years old. Another site was found nearby. Archeologists speculated that prehistoric people used both locations as seasonal mountain sheep hunting camps.

A Passport in Time (PIT) project was designed to further study and determine a more exact date for the second site. Was it as old as first suspected? Did it contain evidence of later Fremont Indian occupation? Was it really a sheep hunting camp?

Nineteen volunteers worked hard to answer these questions the first week of September 1992. They came from all over the United States, attracted by the description in the Passport in Time catalog that invited volunteers to "join us in our search to learn more about the people who left their images on the rocks . . . ." College students majoring in archeology came from Oregon and Colorado; a retired man came from Orange County, California; a social worker who describes herself as an "accidental archeologist" came from Salt Lake City to spend her summer vacation on the project; others came from Billings, Montana, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Members of the Uintah Basin Chapter of the Utah State Archeological Society joined the group, as well as some residents interested in the cultural history of the area.

The Broadbents, who first located the site, joined the group also. As Lora Broadbent shook sooty soil from a fire pit through a sorting screen, she said that working on an excavation

"Helps a person look at everything in a museum differently." She adds, "We're having fun. We get tired and dirty, but everyone's enjoying it and learning a lot."

The volunteers were guided by a team of Ashley employees: Byron Loosle, Forest Archeologist; Christy Oprandy, a Soil Scientist and archeological paraprofessional; and Lynn Ingram, an Interpretive Specialist on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District.

The public was encouraged to visit the site where seasonal Interpreters Jim Duerr and Cathy Wise explained the project. Many travelers stopped by, including a couple from Massachusetts, Cub Scouts and school groups.

After each long day of work, the soot-covered volunteers returned to the recently renovated Summit Springs Guard Station, built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. They enjoyed hot showers, good food, and comfortable sleeping quarters. On their last day, they were treated to a picnic lunch by the Flaming Gorge Ranger District.

During 4 days of excavation, the PIT volunteers were rewarded with some exciting finds—more points, a core of tiger chert, bone, and stone tools. Loosle says that the site appears to have been used as a seasonal hunting camp, primarily by Fremont people between about 650 and 900 A.D.; some artifacts may be older and some show influence of Plains and Great Basin cultures. Charcoal from fire pits will be used to date the site using carbon-14 methods. Excavation will continue next year, again with the help of PIT volunteers.

The cache of points discovered by the Broadbents is displayed at the Red Canyon Visitor Center in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Thanks to the Broadbents' keen eyes and the enthusiastic work of PIT volunteers, another chapter is being added to the human story in northeastern Utah.

Volunteers shake soil through a sorting screen.

OVER-THE-TOP

Each year as June rolls around, excitement mounts and planning is finalized in Evanston, Wyoming, and Kamas, Utah. It's time for the High Uintas Classic, the Over-The-Top bicycle race!

Planning actually begins a year in advance. As soon as the riders have crossed the finish line, critiques are made to improve the event and dates are scheduled for the following year.

Since the Evanston city officials approached the Evanston Ranger District with a proposal for this annual race about 5 years ago, the event has grown substantially, both in the number of participants and the number of partners.

The night prior to the event, riders are hosted by the City of Kamas, the starting point for the race. The Kamas Ranger District has developed a strong partnership with the city officials and together they ensure that the riders get going on their 50- to 80-mile trek the day of the race.

While the entire race is on Highway 150, it is not without challenges. The first half of the race, riders climb from 6,437 feet to 10,715 feet through the Bald Mountain Pass. Weather there is unpredictable. There have been years when snow has made riding a bit tricky, especially around the hairpin turns on top.

Once over the pass, the riders drop quickly to 10,138 feet at Mirror Lake, rise back up to 10,347 feet on Hayden Pass, then pick up tremendous speed, dropping to an 8,500-foot elevation in approximately 10 miles. For those in the women's or citizens class, the race ends at the Forest boundary. Professional riders continue for another 30 miles and cross their finish line in Evanston, Wyoming.

The Evanston Ranger District and the City of Evanston have been partners since that first race 5 years ago. They work together on the special use permit, the logistics of the race, and traffic control, and together they sponsor an aid station along the race route that provides water, Gatorade and fruit.

In previous years, three Forest employees even placed in the event. If you would like to know more about the race (maybe even enter next year???), contact either the Evanston Ranger District (phone: (307) 789-3194), or Paul Knopf, race coordinator, (phone: (307) 789-9805). This year's race was on June 19 and 20 so that leaves you almost a year to get in shape.

Will they make it "Over the Top?"

Pats on the Back

June 25, 1992

Gary Sayer
Payette National Forest

Dear Mr. Sayer:

My two sons and I had the pleasure of camping and fishing at the Cold Springs Campground on the Payette National Forest near Lost Valley Reservoir. My thanks to the Forest Service for such a beautiful campground. This camping facility is the nicest and cleanest I have seen.

. . . Our campground host was a volunteer named Bill Boyer. Bill's pride and excitement about this campground was contagious. He was a perfect host, going out of his way to make us welcome. Bill provided directions to fishing spots, sightseeing tips, and wood for our campground. As you may remember, those were very rainy days. When we returned from fishing the evening of the first day, Bill had a campfire started in our camp. That is true hospitality. Bill's enthusiasm and kindness will be remembered for a long time. You could not ask for a better volunteer. I congratulate the Forest Service on the quality of the people who work in the New Meadows Ranger District. You can be proud of your work and your personnel. We plan to return to the Lost Valley Reservoir and Cold Springs Campground as soon as we can.

I am aware that the Forest Service is often criticized for many things. I thought you might like to receive a letter of appreciation.

Sincerely,

/s/ James R. Kelsch
Boise, Idaho

September 21, 1992

Linda Fitch
McCall District Ranger

Dear Ms. Fitch:

I am Director of TASC—Team Adventures Serving the Community.

I operate a few of my programs on the McCall Ranger District. . . . I want to commend two of your staff for working with me in a professional manner this summer, Allison Nelson and Roger Lake.

Allison handled the permit process professionally, which from my experience is not much fun. She returned my calls promptly and corresponded all the needed information in a timely manner. This was not the case in the past when I operated Quaker Hill's outdoor program. I am a happy camper/outfitter from her care in the special use process.

Roger Lake, a trail contract inspector was riding up East Fork Lake Fork Creek when one of my college clients wrenched a knee and could not walk out the 1.5 miles. Roger did not hesitate to turn his horse and mule around and lead the 22-year-old college coed out on his horse. This saved us a slow all-day walk out.

I hope these two staff members are awarded appropriately when their performance reviews come up again.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mile Crevelt

September 3, 1992

District Ranger
Cascade Ranger District
Boise National Forest

Dear Ron:

I want to thank you for the excellent assistance we received from your personnel on the Crown Point Fire. Don Black, Bob Patton and Mark Loseke were all instrumental in our achieving fast, safe control of the fire. I am sure you are aware that you are blessed to have people of their calibre in your organization. Without their assistance and your crew people that also responded, Crown Point could have been a different story.

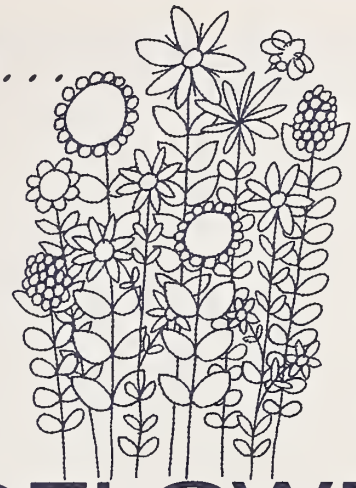
BJ Wren also assisted by doing a very professional job of investigating the start of the fire, at my request. The report which he submitted to me is first class and will be key to the state being able to pursue costs and damages from the responsible party. I know BJ had many other things going on and I really appreciate his being willing to take on the investigation.

. . . .our thanks and gratitude for a lot of good work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill E. Williams
Fire Warden
Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association, Inc.

Kids Corner...



WILDFLOWERS

This is a wonderful time of year to go on a wildflower walk. The valleys and hills are putting on a lovely show. And you don't have to have special equipment or know the names of the flowers to enjoy them. Just open your eyes and nose and take in all the wonderful sights and smells created by nature's garden.

Look close. Notice the variety of sizes, shapes, and colors, and the time of year and the time of day when they bloom. Who comes to pay them a visit and why?

Does the shape created by the petals remind you of some familiar object or animal?

Some think the monkeyflower looks like the grinning face of a monkey. The purple-blue blossoms of the monkshood resemble the hoodlike cap or helmet worn by medieval monks. Elephanthead, Indian paintbrush, buttercup, fairybells, lady-slipper, umbrella plant, starflower, shootingstar, and bluebonnet are some of the common names given to plants because that's what they look like to the person that named them.

Have you ever wondered why flowers are so many different colors? The brightly colored ones often depend on insects or hummingbirds, which are attracted to bright colors, to pollinate them. But, I'll forewarn you. You may have to come back at night to find out what's pollinating the white flowers, especially the ones that have a really sweet smell. There is a very good chance that these plants are pollinated by moths and most moths are active at night, when colors don't show up very well. Moths are attracted by odors and visit those flowers that give off a strong perfume.

Look inside the flowers. You might discover an insect rummaging around. Aha! What is it doing there? Collecting pollen or nectar perhaps.

And what about that spider? It is almost the same color as the petals. Could it be hiding, waiting for some unsuspecting insect to come along as the spider's next meal? Whatever makes those funny little holes in the leaves? Could something be munching on them? If you wait long enough, you may discover the culprit.

So you see, a wildflower is more than just a pretty face. It is a fantasy world of fairies, monks, elephants, and shooting stars. It is a storehouse of energy from which butterflies and hummingbirds feed. It is a stage where life's drama is played out. Some insects may find protection from predators within a flower's petals. To others, it may be a trap.

Wander the foothills and mountains over the next several months and discover the beauty and wonder of wildflowers.

Pat Hurt
Salmon National Forest

Life Tips...

Government statistics report that more than 60 million people are actively involved in caring for an ailing loved one. A study by the American Association for Retired People finds that an unpaid caregiver administers daily assistance to a family member age 50 or older in 7 million households. Most of these caregivers are women and more than half of them also have jobs outside the home.

If you're one of the above statistics, you could be in danger from a new syndrome called "caregiver burnout"—the gradual wearing down of one's physical and emotional resources.

To avoid becoming a victim of caregiver burnout, an article in the Family Circle magazine suggests you take the following steps:

- Take care of yourself first. Meet your own needs to more effectively help others.
- If you detect early signs of stress in yourself, see a health professional for advice.
- Get other family members to help, but first identify how they can best be of use. Teenagers might be good at heavier work—cleaning, lifting and repairing. If there's a lawyer or accountant in the family, he or she would be the best one to handle such things as insurance forms.
- Use community services. Start with your city or county health office. Call your church about programs to assist with shut-ins. Ask a high-school counselor for the names of responsible teenagers. Check into adult day-care programs. Consider a nursing home. And find out if your community has any support groups for family members who are caregivers.
- Finally, give yourself credit for your accomplishments. Write your achievements down in a journal, or share your good experiences with another person. Too many caregivers notice only what they can't get done.

SENIOR SAMARITANS

Theresa Clark, Law Enforcement, and Anne Polete, Executive Group, recently received the Governor's Senior Samaritan Award from Nevada Governor Bob Miller.

Theresa and Anne are enrollees of the Toiyabe National Forest's Senior Community Service Employment Program. They provide quality customer service by always being pleasant and helpful. They are examples of how important and necessary the senior workforce is to the Forest Service and the community.

The Governor's Award reads:

The Great State of Nevada is blessed with a corps of wonderful, generous senior citizens who truly believe that we as individuals are judged by what we pass on to others.

Our seniors are the ones who fought our wars, built our schools, universities, roads and highways and, during their lifetimes, have carved out the traditions that make our country great. They have created the free America we all love and enjoy.

Nevada is a state built on independence and self-reliance. Our seniors best typify these characteristics. And with the strength of these traits as a base, seniors make up the core of those who give so generously of themselves caring for others, building a better future for us all.

The Governor's Senior Samaritan Award honors those who most deserve our recognition and praise. Their efforts make Nevada a good and kind place to live. Our lives are better for the contributions of these sincere, caring people.

Though it is not nearly enough, I, as the Governor of the State of Nevada, want to say to you, one of our valued Senior Nevadans, on behalf of all the citizens of this state, "THANK YOU!"

Furthermore, I urge all citizens to join in thanking and congratulating this elder Nevadan for the dedication and hard work rendered on behalf of each of us.

You are forever to be known, from this day forward, as one of our greats.

Anne Polete works for the Toiyabe National Forest's Executive Group and assists Jim Nelson, Forest Supervisor; Gary Sayer, Deputy Forest Supervisor; Sande Silva, Management Assistant; and other staff members, by doing a variety of secretarial duties to ensure quality customer support and services.

In her position, Theresa Clark consistently coordinates a variety of time-critical documents and actions involving three separate federal courts. She manages data input and retrieval in the LEMARS system for the Toiyabe and Humboldt National Forests, tracks and coordinates the status of arrest warrants, violation notices, case reports and training materials for law enforcement. Her dedication, attention to detail, and professionalism in supporting the law enforcement program is a continual inspiration to others. Special Agent Dave Young said, "It is common to receive compliments on her exceptional courtesy and thoroughness from Assistant United States Attorneys, Court Clerks, and law enforcement agency representatives who have dealt with her."

50 Years of Service

Warren G. (Sunny) Allsop works 50 years for the Forest Service.

Warren G. (Sunny) Allsop, Manager at the Salt Lake City Tanker Base, has reached a milestone—50 summers of employment on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Sunny began his career with the Forest Service as a Recreation Guard at Mirror Lake. Over the years, he maintained campgrounds, trails and phone lines, stocked fish in the High Uintas, participated in search and rescue efforts, conducted fireside programs for the Boy Scouts, and supervised CCC construction projects. He certainly has served the public.

His 26 years as a Recreation Guard ended when Sunny became Manager of the Salt Lake Tanker Base. He has been a true example of TQM. Sunny refuses to produce anything but quality retardant . . . in a timely manner . . . and in an accident-free environment. His customers are those people who live along the Wasatch Front and use the valuable watershed for water and recreation. Sunny is proud that there have been no accidents at the Tanker Base during his 24 years as Manager. Employees who have been under Sunny's supervision say: "There is the Army way, the Navy way, and the Forest Service way; but, if you work at the Tanker Base, it's safety first and you do it Sunny's way."

For his years managing the interagency Tanker Base, Sunny was recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Dick Klason, the State Forester for the Utah State Division of Lands and Forestry. Regional Forester Gray Reynolds also presented Sunny a Certificate of Appreciation for his 50-year career with the Forest Service.

Dick Foster Recognized

Dick Foster, Operations Forester, recently received a "multiple use forester" award from his fellow employees on the New Meadows Ranger District.

Timber management has always been a part of Dick's work responsibilities on the Payette National Forest. During his tenure there, he has been instrumental in organizing a major salvage program to take care of an epidemic outbreak of Engelmann spruce bark beetle. Throughout the entire Engelmann spruce "Bugs I" project, Dick was an exceptional leader, innovative and willing to be a part of an interdisciplinary organization. He consistently accepts and implements direction that affects his timber resource responsibilities.

Further examples of Dick's multiple-use forestry ethics include: (1) acquiring and putting to use GIS technology; (2) serving on the Forest's Soil Productivity Work Group; (3) structuring the workload to facilitate: the availability of a skilled forestry technician for winter snow ranger duties, vegetation management planning and implementation in developed campgrounds, and compiling and sharing timber road data and maps for access management; (4) supporting the plantation guard and grazing program, and (5) fire program support.

Dick has been an inspiration to many co-workers who learned from his multiple-use forest resource ethics. Through his special efforts, there has been more efficient and effective coordination of land uses on the New Meadows Ranger District. This includes range, recreation, fire, lands, special uses, and fish and wildlife management.

Dick Foster holds the plaque he received from New Meadows Ranger District employees. It reads:

Presented to Richard M. Foster,

In appreciation for sharing with us your commitment, understanding, inquisitiveness and implementation of multiple use land management. You have been an inspiration to many Forest Service employees over the years through your sound, common-sense, "Dirt-Forester" Advice.

New Meadows Ranger District Employees

TEACHER OR TRAINEE?

Michael Ames teaches sign language to Maria Navarro (hands raised) and Joan Wren.

He was exceptional—friendly—outgoing—went the extra mile—and he was deaf.

Michael Ames, a 34-year-old student in the Boise State University's Master of Business Administration program, worked only 3 months as an Accounting Technician in the Boise Supervisor's Office, but he contributed a lot. He wanted to stay and the Boise Forest wanted to keep him but, as Michael put it, "A contract is a contract."

Michael has an interesting background. He was born deaf and, at age 6, was headed to a private boarding school in St. Louis, Missouri. During his 8 years there, he learned lip reading skills and received intensive speech therapy. At 13, he returned to Boise and was mainstreamed into a public school.

"Was it tough in the public school?" I asked. It was very hard, he answered, for obvious reasons.

At first, he felt slighted when new friends wouldn't look at him while he was speaking. When communicating with deaf friends, there is constant eye contact. It took time to comprehend that his hearing friends could understand him even if they looked away for a moment.

Another adjustment was to use his sense of touch less. If he wanted to talk to his deaf friends or get their attention, he would tap them on the shoulder or the arm, but when he did that to the hearing students at the public school, they pulled away from him.

Michael's first 2 years at Boise State University were difficult because he couldn't see the professors well enough to lip read and taking notes really compounded the problem. During the last 2 years, when he had an interpreter and copied notes from other students, his grades skyrocketed and he finished his Information Systems Management degree right on schedule.

Michael loved working for the Forest Service and wants to return. We were the first of his employers to provide him a Text Telephone (TT) so he could function at his best. (The Text Telephone was donated by Telephone Pioneers.)

While he was on the Boise Forest, Michael taught sign language to a lunchtime crowd. We learned a lot and enjoyed his good humor and patience.

Michael made this suggestion as he departed: list the TT number in the telephone directory as well as in the national TT telephone directory used by the hearing impaired.

We hope Michael will come back but we know he'll be successful wherever he is.

Lynette Berriochoa
Public Affairs Specialist
Boise National Forest

Editorial Policy—*Intermountain Reporter*

The following editorial policy reflects the Regional Forester's desire to produce a quality Regional newsletter that enhances internal communications and helps make the Intermountain Region a good place to work.

1. Articles in the Intermountain Reporter will feature people.
2. Each issue will attempt to contain something about each National Forest within the Region.
3. The Regional Forester's message will express his current feelings regarding situations within the Region.
4. The content of the Reporter will be consistent with Forest Service policy.
5. All submissions must be delivered to the Editor by the 10th of the month prior to the desired publication date.
6. Articles should be sent to the Editor on DG (Editor:R04A). Photos to accompany text are to be sent to the Editor separately with a hard copy of the text.
7. Articles should not exceed 800 words in length.
8. Photos should be black and white.
9. All articles are subject to editing.
10. Not all articles that are submitted will be printed.
11. The Editor has final say over content.
12. The author's name, title, and unit should be shown at the end of the article being submitted.

Awards

AWARDS MADE AT APRIL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Many employees were recognized at the April Leadership Team Meeting. Here are some of them, others have been mentioned in previous Intermountain Reporters:

Retiree KENT TAYLOR was cited for his personal commitment to the Forest Service/State of Utah land exchange. His personal contacts with people throughout the State made possible the progress to date and laid the groundwork for the successful exchange.

DARREL VAN BUREN, Boise NF, received a Regional recycling award.

The Chief's award for Excellence in Technology Transfer was presented to the SAWTOOTH NF for technology that continues to result in measurable improvement of riparian area conditions over a large geographical area.

The 1992 National Award for Excellence in Windows on the Past, the Passport in Time Program, was presented to CHARMAINE THOMPSON, Uinta NF.

WILL REED, Boise NF, also received a heritage award from the Chief for his work on the national newsletter, "The Heritage Times."

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER

The Soda Springs Ranger District won the National Volunteer Award in the Forest Service Unit category. This is the winning entry writeup.

Most employees put in a regular week and then some. But what would possess a group of employees on the Soda Springs Ranger District to give up a hot August Saturday to volunteer 14 more hours? Simply put, a dream—a dream shared with friends, co-workers and neighbors of developing a multiple-use recreation site in Trail Canyon on the Soda Springs District.

The dream began almost 10 years ago when Doyle Stiles, a local farmer, shared the idea with the Ranger District. Since then, the entire Soda Springs community, led by efforts of Forest Service employees, has embraced the Trail Canyon Recreation Project with heart and soul. Donated materials and equipment and more than 100 volunteers brought the dream to fruition.

District employees were the first to sign up for volunteer work days in 1991 and 1992. Every employee on the District participated and encouraged community leaders, friends, neighbors and local businesses to participate.

In 1992, the focus of the volunteer work day was to make Trail Canyon more handicap accessible. More than three tons of gravel were spread, accessible toilet facilities were installed, ramps and stairs to the warming hut were completed, more than 40 miles of snowmobile trails were cleared along with 8 miles of cross-country ski trails. The success of Trail Canyon can be found in the crowded parking area as people from across southeastern Idaho come to use this Forest Service facility nestled in the foothills and forests of the Caribou National Forest.

The commitment of Forest Service employees to "walk the talk" by demonstrating the Forest Service Mission in their actions has brought the local community together. Purpose, planning and perseverance in pursuing a vision have united the Forest Service and the people they serve.

REGIONAL OFFICE

Cash

ANN ALLAN, Applications Examiner, R&L - $1,000 for tremendous efforts in initiating and promoting the recycling program.

CHERYL D. BARTLETT, Supervisory Accountant, F&PS - $500 for efforts to make Region 4's first "Excellence in financial Management" multi-training session a success.

SHERYL J. BAINBRIDGE, Accountant, F&PS - $700 for success in improving the Region's awareness, knowledge, and training while removing the deficit in the WCF operation.

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

KRISTINA BOLLINGER, Forestry Technician, Duchesne RD - For successfully reducing the safety hazard on the Rock Creek Trail and performing a quality job by coordinating with others and using innovative techniques.

STEPHEN T. SAMS, Flaming Gorge District Ranger - Received $500 as the recipient of the John Herbert Award for Excellence in Recreation (Regional Award).

REBECCA WOOD, Range Conservationist, Vernal RD - A 1992 Health, Safety and Fitness Award.

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

HAL D. GIBBS, Forester (Adm.), Idaho City RD - $700 for extraordinary effort in completing an environmental assessment, biological evaluation and biological opinion on black bear baiting on National Forest System lands in Wyoming while working under difficult, court-ordered timelines and legal requirements (a Regional Office award).

RICHARD H. THATCHER, Supervisory Forester, Lucky Peak Nursery - $1,000 - A Regional award for anticipating the effects of the 6-year drought and the possibility of the reservoir level dropping below the pumping station intake and developing an alternative system to irrigate the nursery seedlings.

FRANKLIN MARSH, Forester, Mt. Home RD - For sustained superior performance and personal effort and leadership which resulted in successful completion of the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

JESSE GREEN, Supervisory Civil Engineer, Mt. Home RD - For sustained superior performance and exemplary leadership of the engineering, recreation, minerals, lands and Heritage programs on the District.

MARILYN BENNETT, Resource Assistant, SO - For outstanding performance during the 1992 fire season.

NADRA ANGERMAN, Computer Clerk, SO - For assistance in public involvement on the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

WILL REED, Archeologist, SO - For personal efforts in developing and coordinating the cultural resource programmatic agreement for the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

LARRY DONOHOO, Wildlife Biologist, Mt. Home RD - For contributions to the Foothills Fire timber recovery project in the areas of wildlife and coordination with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

SHARON PARIS, Land Management Planning Specialist, SO - For personal effort and leadership resulting in completion of the Foothills Fire timber recovery environmental documents.

JANE BEAULIEU, Forester, Idaho City RD - For performance exceeding the requirements and responsibility of her position in preparation of the Lostman Salvage Sale Environmental Assessment.

RAYMOND EKLUND, Forester, Idaho City RD - For performance exceeding the requirements and responsibility of his position in supervising and designing the silvicultural prescription for the Lostman Salvage Timber Sale.

TERRY SEXTON, Supervisory Forester, Idaho City RD - For performance exceeding the requirements and responsibility of his position in preparation of the Lostman Salvage Sale environmental assessment.

JEFF SCHRAMM, Forestry Technician, Idaho City RD - For performance as sales administrator on the Foothills SSTS Fire salvage sales exceeding the requirements and responsibilities of his position.

FRANK ANGELE, Forester, Idaho City RD - For performance exceeding the requirements and responsibility of his position in preparing the Lostman Salvage Timber Sale contract.

ROLAND HARRIS, Lead Forestry Technician, Mt. Home RD - For work in developing timber data for the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

SUSAN ERWIN, Forester, Mt. Home RD - For personal effort in responding to reforestation needs relative to the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

HOBART ESSICK, Civil Engineering Technician, Mt. Home RD - For personal effort in successfully completing the necessary engineering work for the Foothills Fire timber salvage project.

JOYCE MCSHAY, Archeologist, Mt. Home RD - For personal effort in successfully completing cultural resource inventories for the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

CHRISTOPHER LESCH, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Mt. Home RD - For work in developing timber data for the Foothills Fire recovery project.

STEVEN WILLIAMS, Supervisory Forester, Mt. Home RD - For personal effort and leadership which resulted in successful completion of the Foothills Fire timber recovery project.

RICH CHRISTENSEN, Forest Engineer, SO - For expediting information needed to process right-of-way drawings leading to issuance of a Letter of Consent for a Department of Transportation easement and existing Idaho Highways.

HAZEL HAWLEY, Procurement Clerk, SO - For an outstanding contribution toward the completion of data input into AMIS.

BETTY CHARLTON, SCSEP, SO - For an outstanding contribution toward the completion of data input into AMIS.

MARK LEIS, Forestry Technician, Cascade RD - For an outstanding performance in filming, on short notice, a video of the Campbell Creek boating site project.

MEGAN LYONS, Recreation Forester, Pinedale RD - $100 for exhibiting a spirit of excellence in working with the public, permittees and employees in the management of the District's recreation program (Regional Award).

BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

WILLIAM NOBLITT, Wildlife Biologist, and SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS, Public Affairs Specialist, SO - $700 each for extraordinary effort in completing the environmental assessment, biological evaluation and biological opinion on black bear baiting on National Forest System lands in Wyoming while working under difficult, court-ordered timelines and legal requirements (a Regional Office award).

BARB RIDGWAY, Resource Clerk, Pinedale RD - For dedication to the mission of the Forest Service including exceptional radio dispatching to fire crews and a competent and customer-oriented attitude in all work.

DEBBIE MROLOCK, Resource Clerk, Buffalo RD - For superior performance in processing payroll and for front office coverage on the District.

WILLIAM NECKLES, Engineering Equipment Operator, and LEON TILLMAN, Motor Vehicle Operator, SO - For excellence in managing the North Zone Engineering Road Maintenance Program, completing all projects on time and in a cost-effective manner while increasing overall quality of the work.

SUSAN MARSH, Landscape Architect, SO - For outstanding support and commitment to the Forest's Civil Rights Program.

MEGAN LYONS, Recreation Forester, Pinedale RD - For exhibiting a spirit of excellence in working with the public, permittees and employees in the management of the Recreation Program on the District.

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Group

FOR ACCIDENT-FREE 1992 SEASON: Supervisor's Office: JOSEPH G. BLACK and RICHARD G. EVANS, Supervisory Civil Engineers; KENNETH R. GOULD and CATHY L. EVANS, Civil Engineers; JERROLD B. LEFEVRE, STEVEN G. HATCH, S. ALAN TALBOT and GILBERT RAY HANCEY, Civil Engineering Technicians; JOHN DELOY DUTTON, Engineering Equipment Operator Foreman; JAMES D. CORNELIUS, THOMAS H. TALBOT, RAYMOND L. LAIRD, DANNY F. MATHESON, LYLE D. STONES, MAURICE D. MUNFORD and SCOTT E. DAY, Engineering Equipment Operators; A. DALE PETERSON, Fleet and Equipment Specialist; GARLAN W. MITCHELL, Automotive Equipment Repair Inspector; MICHAEL F. REESE, Engineering Aid; RONALD K. RIGGS, Survey Technician, and STEVEN M. DODDS, Supervisory Land Surveyor; Cedar City: LAWRENCE W. BURNHAM, SCSEP; Powell RD: ROBERT L. MILLER and ARTHUR J. MILLER, Survey Technicians.

Spot

SUSAN J. HAYMAN, Resource Specialist, Cedar City RD - For an outstanding job in coordinating the public involvement process and NEPA document completion for the supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Tippets Valley Harvest Project.

RANDALL R. HAYMAN, Forester, Cedar City RD - For considerable extra effort and an outstanding job in completing the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Tippets Valley Harvest Project.

MARIAN JACKLIN, Archeologist, SO - For substantial contributions to the planning and design phase of the Tippets Valley Timber Harvest Project.

MAX E. MOLYNEUX, Landscape Architect, SO - For substantial contributions to the planning and design phase of the Tippets Valley Timber Harvest Project.

S. ALAN TALBOT, Civil Engineering Technician, SO - For a substantial contribution to the planning and design phase of the Tippets Valley Timber Harvest Project.

RONALD L. RODRIGUEZ, Wildlife Biologist, SO - For his substantial contributions to the planning and design of the Tippets Valley Timber Harvest Project.

NANOLIVIA CROWLEY, Hydrologist, SO - For substantial contributions to the planning and design phase of the Tippets Valley Timber Harvest Project.

DONALD F. TINSLEY, Forestry Technician, Cedar City RD - For an outstanding job in coordinating the Tippets Valley Timber Harvest Project, EIS data analysis and compilation and contributions to the overall planning and design phase of the project.

Out-Service Recognition

BRIAN FERGUSON, Silviculturist, was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Utah Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

LYNN FINDLAY, Forester, SO - For concern and exceptional service to internal customers, and for continually looking for ways to assist fellow employees while keeping up with his professional workload.

HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

JONATHAN WARDER, Biological Technician, Mountain City RD - $650 for outstanding performance in planning and coordinating the Bruneau River elk reintroduction on the District during 1992-1993.

MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

ALICE M. YELLOWMAN, Information Receptionist, Monticello RD - For personal contributions that have helped the White River National Forest to achieve the goals and objectives of Native American Awareness Week.

JOHN C. PATTEN, Forestry Technician, SO - For efforts which greatly add to the success of a positive Forest Service image.

CYNTHIA BURNS, Wildlife Biologist on the Ferron Ranger District, has been honored for her high standard of professional excellence by the Utah Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Cynthia received the Award of Merit for her work in protecting the bat habitat in five abandoned mines near Price, Utah. The mines were slated for closure to reduce hazardous conditions. Cynthia worked with several agencies to have bat gates installed in the mines to reduce the hazards while maintaining the bat habitat.

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

DENNIS R. MARTI, Civil Engineering Technician, Council RD - $1,300 for initiative, cooperation and personal time in co-authoring the Automated Road Estimating Report "AREP" and the Purchaser Credit Report "PUR-CRED."

RICHARD M. FOSTER, Supervisory Forester, New Meadows RD - $1,000 for initiating, planning and administrating the spruce bug project and recognizing and effectively incorporating multiple use resource values into timber management program responsibility.

RICHARD M. FOSTER, Supervisory Forester, New Meadows RD - $500 for outstanding leadership of the small sales and sale administration programs.

SALMON NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

CLINTON C. GROLL, Forester (Adm.), SO - For investing leadership, special effort, time and expertise in the design and lease process which resulted in the successful completion of a new combined office building in Salmon for the SO and Districts I and 5.

JACQUILYN M. CAIVANO, Secretary (Typing), SO - For consistent high quality and timely support of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness coordination effort. Her efforts have contributed substantially to the success of the two Region/four Forest effort.

ELIZABETH JOHNSON, Resource Clerk, SO - For special achievement in the 1992 Intermountain Region Photo Contest (second place in the diversity category).

Spot

SHIRLEY HYDE and LINDA GUYTON, Office Automation Clerks, SO - For exceptional performance in carrying out duties beyond expectations while sorting and organizing the forms room and implementing an employee suggestion.

THOMAS D. BONN, Supervisory Civil Engineering Technician, SO - For the fine work and many hours spent on personal time in constructing map cases and peg boards for the Engineering department.

KAREN A. WADE, Office Automation Clerk, SO - For outstanding performance in preparing the Career Development Guide for the Forest.

BETH JOHNSON, Resource Clerk, SO - For outstanding performance in meeting short notice deadlines in distributing the timber sale contract prospectus, bid forms, and advertisements for the Firfly and Horsefly Timber Sales.

ESTHER MUND, Support Services Supervisor, SO - For outstanding performance in preparing two timber sale contract packages (Horsefly and Firfly) and for meeting and exceeding the deadlines imposed while continuing to meet other internal customer needs.

RANDY M. DAVIS, Forestry Technician, Cobalt RD - For performing in an exemplary manner requestcd tasks outside normal duties.

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

CRAIG S. ZIMMERMAN, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Burley RD - $100 for exhibiting a spirit of excellence in working with the public, permittees, employees and local agencies in the management of the District's recreation program (Regional Award).

RALPH JENKINS, Range Conservationist, Twin Falls RD - For superior performance of assigned duties during FY 1992.

SHIRLEY KELLEY, Support Services Specialist, Twin Falls RD - For superior performance of assigned duties during FY 1992.

HAROLD R. MILLER, Architect, SO - For extra effort in carrying out the Acting Forest Engineer assignment.

JEFFREY GABARDI, Mining Engineer, SO - For extra effort in carrying out the Acting Mineral Staff assignment.

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

ELLEN SPICKERMAN, Hydrologist, Palisades RD - For superior performance in managing the Snake River adjudication data base on the Forest which enabled the Forest to submit quality information, on time, to the RO.

DAVID W. WICKWIRE, Supervisory Forester (Timber Staff), SO - $500 for taking a strong lead in advancing the economic and social vitality of the rural communities within or adjacent to the Forest.

TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

JAMES S. TALLERICO, Las Vegas RD - $100 for exhibiting a spirit of excellence in working with the public, permittees and local agencies in the management of the recreation program on the Wasatch-Cache NF (Regional Award).

WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST

Length-of-Service

JIM WHEELER, Construction Representative, SO - 35 years

EARL O'DRISCOLL, Forestry Technician, Evanston RD - 30 years

LEE SKABELUND, HRP and Interpretive Services Coordinator, SO - 25 years

MARIANNE AUSSERESSES, Personnel Assistant, SO - 20 years

GLORIA MCCABE, Personnel Officer, SO - 20 years

MICHAEL VAN HORN, Forestry Technician, Logan RD - 20 years

JAMES WHITE, Supervisory Forester, Salt Lake RD - 20 years

DOYLE OLSON, Engineering Equipment Operator, SO - 20 years

RICH SCHULER, Forestry Technician, Mountain View RD - 10 years

ALBERT SOUCIE, Forestry Technician/Snow Ranger, Salt Lake RD - 10 years

JOHN COLES, Forestry Technician, Evanston RD - 10 years

ANN GROSS, Office Services Assistant, Logan RD - 5 years

BARBARA HOUSKEEPER, Support Services Specialist, Mountain View RD - 5 years

Whatever is gained without effort is either worthless or contagious.

Personnel

REGIONAL OFFICE

Promotion
DEBBIE MARTINEZ, Office Management Assistant, PAO, from Office Assistant, PAO

Retirements
JIM TRENHOLM, Development and Training Engineer, E
NEWMAN CROOKSTON, Supply Clerk, AS

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

Appointment
CLARICE COWAN, Forestry Aid (Worker Trainee), Duchesne RD

Promotion
MICKEY CARTER, Forester, North Kaibab RD, Kaibab NF, R-3, to Environmental Coordinator, Vernal RD

Promotion in Place
KURTIS ROBINS, Range Conservationist, Duchesne RD

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions in Place
DIANA WALL, Cartographic Technician, SO
DICK WEBSTER, Appraiser, SO

Reassignments
MONTE MILLER, Range Technician, Boise RD, to Range Technician, Lowman RD
TINA TALBOT, Office Assistant, Malheur NF, to Information Receptionist, Mt. Home RD
DEBORAH FOSTER, Purchasing Agent, Panhandle NF, to Business Management Assistant, Mt. Home RD

Resignation
JOYCE MCSHAY, Archeologist, Mt. Home RD

Retirement
RUTH MCFARLAND, Support Services Supervisor, Boise RD

Transfer In
JANICE GEORGE, Legal Secretary, Department of Justice, to Archeological Technician, SO

Transfer Out
DEBBIE CHARLEY, Personnel Officer, SO, to Classification Specialist, BLM State Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico

BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions
JOSEPH KELLOGG, Supervisory Forestry Technician, SO, to Forestry Technician, SO
LEON TILLMAN, Motor Vehicle Operator, SO, to Engineering Equipment Operator, SO

Promotions in Place
SANDRA SEATON, Accounting Technician, SO
CYNTHIA STEIN, Forester, Pinedale RD
RAMON BORREGO, Wildlife Biologist, Big Piney RD

Reassignments
MARTY SAXTON, Forestry Technician, Pinedale RD, to Forestry Technician, Big Piney RD
JEFF LAUB, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Kemmerer RD, to Supervisory Forestry Technician, Big Piney RD
DOUG EGGERS, Supervisory Forester, SO, to Supervisory Forester, Greys River RD
REGENT CLOUTIER, Office Automation Clerk, Tahoe NF, to Office Automation Clerk, SO
LES JONES, Natural Resource Planner, SO, to Supervisory Budget Officer, SO

Retirement
EUGENE TOLAND, Forestry Technician, Pinedale RD

Resignations
BARBARA RIDGWAY, Civilian Payroll Clerk, SO

CARIBOU NATIONAL FOREST

CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments
AUKESHA R. HENRY, Student Trainee (Writer/Editor), Cedar City RD
TABARIUS D. GAY, Student Trainee (Forestry), Escalante RD

Promotion in Place
DAVID A. RICKS, Forestry Technician, SO

Reassignment
CINDY M. CALBAUM, Forester, Alpine RD, Apache-Sitgraves NF, to Forester, Escalante RD

Resignation
LYNN W. OTT, Administrative Officer, SO

Promotion in Place
LEE ANN BEEKMAN, Forestry Technician, Teasdale RD

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments
GINGER MCTIGUE, SCSEP Enrollee, Beaver RD
GENE BARTON, SCSEP Enrollee, Beaver RD
VERLYN LUND, SCSEP Enrollee, Richfield RD
WENDY AMBROSE, Information Receptionist, Fillmore RD
KEVIN SANCHEZ, Wildlife Biologist, Beaver RD
DOUG WEAVER, Geographer, SO

Resignation
THOMAS GRIFFITHS, SCSEP Enrollee, Fillmore RD

HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST

Appointment
KATRINA CHRISTENSEN, Student Trainee (Range), Mountain City RD

Reassignments
WILLIAM T. RHUE, Resource Assistant, Ely RD, to Assistant District Ranger, Minarets RD, Sierra NF
MARTIN DUMPIS, Forester, Nemo RD, Black Hills NF, to Natural Resource Spec., Mountain City RD
SHANNON SILSBY, Forester, Quincy RD, Plumas NF, to Range Conservationist, Jarbidge RD

Promotion
KATHERINE RAMSEY, Wildlife Biologist, Burns RD, Malheur NF, to Wildlife Biologist, SO

Promotions in Place
JUANITA MENDIVE, Program Analyst, SO
JAMES WHELAN, Wildlife Biologist, Ely RD

MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions
JAMES DUZAK, Forestry Technician, Smokejumpers, to Lead Forestry Technician, Smokejumpers
DENNIS MCCOY, Forestry Technician, Smokejumpers, to Lead Forestry Technician, Smokejumpers
JOHANNA PEARSON, Personnel Clerk-Typing, SO, to Administrative Management Assistant, SO

Promotions in Place
SYLVIA CLARK, Range Conservationist, Weiser RD
KIMBERLY SLYTER, Forestry Technician, Weiser RD
AMY STILLMAN, Student Trainee (Forestry), Council RD
SHERI KOSOSIK, Supervisory Personnel Assistant, SO

Resignations
CHARLES VRIELING, Lead Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD
NICOLE REINDEL, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD
DAVID THOM, Computer Programmer, SO

Retirement
GARY ALLEN, Supervisory Forester, SO

SALMON NATIONAL FOREST

Promotion
BRUCE H. SMITH, Fishery Biologist, SO, to Supervisory Fishery Biologist, SO

Promotions in Place
JEFFREY G. SLAGG, Forestry Technician, Leadore RD
ALLISON M. JACKSON, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, North Fork RD
GARY L. JACKSON, Soil Scientist, SO
BERT J. GOULD, Civil Engineering Technician, North Fork RD
GENE S. JENSEN, Supervisory Land Use Planner, SO
JULIE S. BARBARICK, Forestry Technician, SO

Retirements
CHARLES E. WING, Forestry Technician, Salmon RD
CYRIL E. FARRO, Forestry Technician, Salmon RD

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions
ROBERT WRIGHT, Engineering Equipment Operator, Ketchum RD, to Engineering Equipment Operator Foreman, Ketchum RD
WAYNE KORNDER, Engineering Equipment Operator, Ketchum RD, to Engineering Equipment Operator Foreman, Ketchum RD

Promotion in Place
TOM RAMSEY, Forestry Technician (Law Enforcement Officer), Twin Falls RD

Reassignments
ANNETTE JOSEPH, Range Conservationist, Gila NF, to Range Conservationist, SNRA
KEVIN JOSEPH, Forestry Technician, Gila NF, to Forestry Technician, SNRA
DENNIS PRATT, Lead Forestry Technician, Mt.Baldy RD, Angeles NF, to Supervisory Forestry Technician, Twin Falls RD

Resignation
SHEILA HUNTER, Resource Clerk, SNRA

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions in Place
MELISSA JENKINS, Forester, Island Park RD
DUSTY HINCKS, Range Technician, Palisades RD

Reassignment
ADRIENNE KELLER, Biological Scientist, WO, to Forester (Adm.), Island Park RD

TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

UINTA NATIONAL FOREST

WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST

Conversion
HEIDI GEORGE, Student Trainee Hydrologist, Logan RD, to Hydrologist, Logan RD

Promotion in Place
LISA MARINO, Realty Specialist, SO

Obituaries

CLARENCE E. WENZEL, retired Forestry Technician on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, died May 19 from cancer.

BOB MCBRIDE, 70, died June 6 in Seattle, Washington, from inoperable lung cancer. He retired as Director of Aviation and Fire Management in the Intermountain Region in 1973. Since his retirement, he and his wife, Marjorie, have volunteered with various organizations that help the needy.

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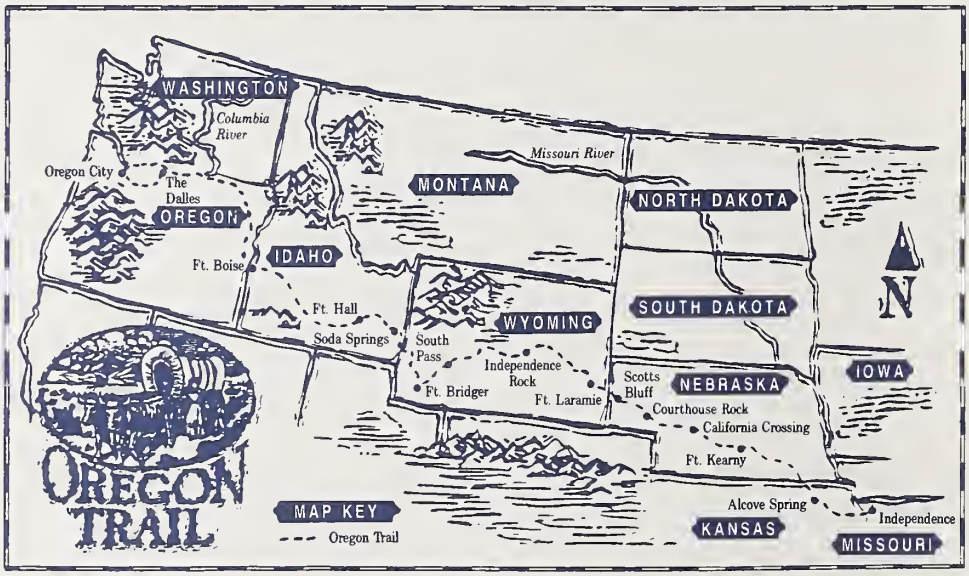
TRAVELING THE OREGON TRAIL

Three hundred thousand emigrants traveled the Oregon Trail between 1842 and 1860 making this the greatest peacetime migration in the history of the world. The Trail stretched 2,000 miles across six states and was several miles wide in many places so emigrants could spread out and not have to inhale dust from those ahead of them—dust that would spiral 2 or 3 hundred feet in the air. It was a grueling journey that took about 6 months in extreme temperatures and with little water. Most emigrants walked the entire distance, covering about 12 miles day. So prudently did the pioneers choose the routes of the Oregon Trail, that modern engineers often follow the ruts with highways.



Source: Oregon State Tourism

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This summer is the 150th anniversary of the Great Migration of 1843 and to commemorate that event a 73-day, 1,000-mile trek to Oregon City, Oregon, is being made by a modern-day wagon train.

On June 26th, a wagonload of Caribou National Forest employees joined the train as it traveled from Border, Wyoming, to Montpelier, Idaho, and from Georgetown to Soda Springs. Smokey was on hand at both destinations to welcome the travelers.

On Highway 30 about 6 miles south of Montpelier is a historical marker describing the "Big Hill," one of the steepest places along the Oregon Trail. For the pioneers to get a wagon down the hill, wheels were locked and horses pulled back.

Rose Davis, Caribou Forest Public Affairs Officer, worked with the Chamber of Commerce to put on a welcoming celebration for the wagon train in Soda Springs. The Forest Service and the Southeastern Idaho Interpretive Association sold envelopes stamped with a specially made Oregon Trail/Soda Springs cancellation stamp. The funds will be turned over to the Southeastern Idaho Interpretive Association.

The Forest Service wagon was again on the trail as the train wound its way from Fort Hall to Pocatello, arriving on July 5.

At Fort Hall, Oregon Trail travelers in the mid-1800's had the option of crossing the Snake River to travel either the Goodale Cutoff or the North Side Alternate Route, or continuing west on the south bank of the Snake River.

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